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EXTREME PERSUASIONS: HOW RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN TRADITIONALISTS TALK ABOUT GENDER AND THE “CULTURAL ELITE”

In recent years, the American and Russian far-right movements have started to collaborate. How have nationalist movements in the U.S. come to see the Russian Federation as a vanguard for ‘whiteness’ and traditional masculinity in European identity, overturning the perception of Russia as a racial Other prevalent during the Cold War? What are the affinities between American religious Reconstructionism, with its insistence on gender complementarianism, and the views of Russian defenders of heteronormativity and religious traditionalism?

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